(a) whether it is a fact that India and China are likely to enter into an agreement on the exchange of modern technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these technologies are competitive enough to meet the requirements of international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAIMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal between India and China to enter into an official agreement on the exchange of modern technologies. However, there is an Agreement of Cooperation of Science and Technology between the Government of India and China, signed in December, 1988, under which there is already an established framework for cooperation in science and technology and transfer of scientific and technological achievements between the two countries.

Passport Issued to Dawood Ibrahim

1074. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the date on which the passport was issued to Dawood Ibrahim; and

(b) what are the dates on which it was renewed and the date on which any action was taken for its cancellation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) A passport was obtained by Dawood Ibrahim on 26-7-85, renewed on 2-9-89 and declared impounded on 2-1-92.

Nexus between China and Pakistan

1075 SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appeared in Indian Express (ND) dated the 20th June, 1993 under the caption pact with China helped Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the growing nexus between the two countries on matters of defence; and

(c) the action Government have taken to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAIMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government have seen the news item which appeared in 'Indian Express' of 20th June, 1993.

(b) and (c) Government are aware of the extensive defence co-operation between China and Pakistan including supply of Chinese aircrafts, missiles and other weapons and transfer of sophisticated arms technology. Pakistan's continuous efforts to acquire sophisticated arms and equipment beyond its legitimate defence needs, remains a cause of concern. Our views in this regard have been conveyed to the Chinese Government.

Government have and will continue to monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take adequate measures to safeguard it.

Sino-Indian Boundary Dispute

1076. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sino-India joint working group on the boundary question met in New Delhi in the last week of June;

(b) if so, what were the issues discussed and the decisions arrived at;

(c) whether the measures already agreed to have proved beneficial for building mutual confidence and understanding between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAIMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The sixth meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question and Foreign Secretary—Vice Foreign Minister level consultations were held in New Delhi on June 25—28, 1993.

(b) The two sides continued their discussions aimed at arriving at a mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question. They made progress in their discussions on further measures that could be taken by the two countries to enhance mutual confidence and ensure